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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS' VISIT TO MOSCOW CANCELED BY ILLNESS

1. MRS. IMELDA ROMUALDEZ MARCOS ANNOUNCED IN SPEECH JUNE 21 THAT SHE WOULD DEPART FOR MOSCOW FOLLIWING DAY ON SPECIAL MISSION, BUT VISIT WAS ABORTED AT LAST MINUTE WHEN SHE SUDDENLY BECAME ILL. ACCORDING TO DFA OFFICIAL WHO HAD GONE TO MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 0100 HOURS JUNE 22 TO SEE OFF MRS. MARCOS TO MOSCOW, THE TRIP WAS CANCELED WHEN SHE WAS STRICKEN WITH SEVERE CRAMPS AND NAUSEA ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY 0230 HOURS. SHE REPORTEDLY WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE RESTING IN MALACANANG.

2. SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL DAILIES CARRIED FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES JUNE 22 THAT MRS. MARCOS WAS DEPARTING TODAY FOR MOSCOW ON A "SPECIAL MISSION FOR THE PRESIDENT." A DFA OFFICIAL IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY CARLOS P. ROMULO SAID THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE SOVIET MINISTER OF CULTURE TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE JUNE 13-25 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BALLET DANCERS BEING HELD IN MOSCOW. WHILE
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THIS MAY IN PART EXPLAIN MRS. MARCOS' PLANNED TRIP, WE BELIEVE IT PROBABLY THERE WERE OTHER MOREIMPORTANT REASONS, SINCE THERE WAS NO ADVANCE PUBLICITY AND NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS GAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EXPLANATION FOR THE MISSION-- OR MENTION OF THE BALLET DANCERS CONFERENCE. FROM COMMENTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, BOBBY BENEDICTO, ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE TRIP WAS THAT MRS. MARCOS WANTED TO

ASK THE SOVIETS TO CONSIDER PURCHASING ANOTHER 400,000
M.T. OF SUGAR FROM THE PHILIPPINES. BENEDICTO REMARKED,
HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE SOVIETS WERE INTERESTED
IN MORE SUGAR.
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